Increase in Urban Poor

4571. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the news item appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 31st July, 1993 under the caption 'Urban Poor increasing' shoking that about 2/5th of the total urban population is living under poverty conditions inspite of the anti-poverty programmes implemented by Government; and

(b) if so, whether any study was conducted by Government to find out the loopholes in the system and to facilitate increase in the living conditions of the urban poor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) On the basis of NSS 43rd Round (1987-88 data) it is estimated that about 41.8 million people are living below the poverty line. This forms approximately 20 per cent of the total urban population. For alleviating poverty in urban areas, the Government of India are running two schemes viz. the Nehru Rozgar Yojana for providing income generating activities and the Scheme of Urban Basic Services for the Poor (UBSP) for providing the social amenities. These Schemes are being reviewed and monitored on a regular basis with a view to remove bottlenecks and improve implementation.

Introduction of Mass Rapid Transit System in Andhra Pradesh

4572. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Mass Rapid Transit System in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that Visakhapatnam Urban area is ideally suited for planning a mass Rapid Transit System; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes Sir, a Light Rail Transit System is proposed to be introduced in Hyderabad over a total route length of 23 Kms.

(b) and (c) Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has been requested to get a detailed transportation study conducted for Visakhapatnam.

Registration of title deed in Metropolitan Cities

4573. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the Metropolitan Cities of Bombay, Delhi and Calcutta, the builders sell the apartments in newly constructed building without the registration of title deeds of apartments thus causing loss of revenue in stamps duty to Government;

(b) in the absence of title deeds, how are mutations of property decided in the event of death of the purchasers of apartments; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the absence of title deeds, mutation of the property is not carried out.

(c) The Government has under its consideration comprehensive amendments to the Delhi Apartment Ownership Act to make it effective and enforceable. As far as other Sates/UTs are concrened a Model Apartment Ownership Act was formulated